

School Board to Study Cadet Corps Plan

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GETS BADGE . . . Officer Paul Chaillie, 21, receives his badge from Police Chief Walter R. Keenig after being appointed to the Torrance Police Department. Chaillie, a graduate of North High School, will undergo 16 weeks of training before being assigned to the Patrol Division. He has completed a student trainee program, conducted by the department in cooperation with California State College at Long Beach.

Student Trainee Gets His Badge

Appointment of Paul Chaillie, 21-year-old graduate of North High School, to the Torrance Police Department has been announced by Police Chief Walter R. Keenig.

Chaillie, who will begin 16-weeks of training at the Los Angeles Sheriff's Academy this month, is the third officer to be appointed through the department's student trainee program.

The student program is conducted by the Torrance department in cooperation with California State College at Long Beach.

CHAILLIE, who served as

Burglars Break Into Six Homes

Color television sets and other items valued at nearly \$4,000 have been taken from six Torrance homes over the weekend, Torrance police have reported.

Three color television sets and two stereo record players were taken, along with other valuables and small appliances.

The first theft was reported by Robert W. Harris, 54, of 301 Via El Chico. Police said burglars entered the home last Friday afternoon, ransacked the house, and took small items, including a tape recorder, valued at \$1,000.

LATER FRIDAY, Gren C. Cunningham, of 232 Via Los Miradores, reported the theft of a stereo and camera equipment worth some \$950.

A color television worth \$630 was taken from the home of Alexander Schneider, 48, at 3227 Winlock Drive, Saturday between 7 and 9 p.m. and another color set was taken from the home of Ernest M. Hoyt, 67, of 945 Calle Miramar. It was valued at \$750. Hoyt reported (See BURGLARS, Page A-2)

a high school reporter for the Press-Herald while attending North High School, has been assigned to the Patrol Division's Field Services Bureau.

Selection of a fourth student trainee also has been announced. He is Raymond Rust, a 22-year-old Lakewood resident. Rust currently is assigned to the Planning and Research Division's administrative bureau and is studying police science at Cal State Long Beach.

TWENTY-THREE-year-old Peter Herley, now assigned to the Patrol Division, also is a graduate of the student trainee program. A graduate of Santa Monica High School, he has completed training at the Los Angeles Sheriff's Academy.

First officer to be appointed to the department after completing the student trainee program was David N. Seibert. Officer Seibert was shot and killed Aug. 10, 1967, while investigating an armed robbery at a North Torrance market.

West High Students Petition for Cadet Corps Program on Campus

A committee of School Board members and administrators from the Torrance Unified District will decide in the near future whether a California Cadet Unit will be established at West High School during the spring semester.

Dr. John Bramhall, speaking for the program at the school board meeting at South High Monday night, said 150 students are interested in the program.

The school activity was rejected last April by a 2-2 vote.

THE BOARD was notified that when more than 100 students request a school program, it is a matter of state law that the subject be considered.

Charter Review Committee Dissolved by City Council

Group Ordered To Make Final Report Dec. 31

By TIM O'DONNELL
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The City Council dissolved the Charter Review Committee last night by a 4-3 vote and ordered the committee to submit its final proposed charter no later than Dec. 31. The committee is dissolved effective on that date.

Council action curtailed almost two years' study by the committee of the existing city charter.

The action came on the heels of a charter committee request for \$3,000 to hire a "competent consultant" and for an extension of two months on the deadline for a final report. The new deadline leaves the committee only one meeting to come up with a final draft.

MAYOR Albert Isen proposed three motions to offset the committee's request:

- that the request for any appropriation of funds be denied;
- that the request for the March 1 extension be denied;
- that the Charter Review Committee be dissolved effective Dec. 1 and submit a final draft of the proposed city charter no later than Dec. 31.

In the discussion that followed, Councilman Dr. Donald E. Wilson declared that "If Mayor Isen's motions pass, it will be a sham and a mockery of citizen participation in city government."

He maintained that he did not believe that the first draft of the new charter was in any way perfect — and that that was precisely the reason the committee was requesting more time and money for a consultant. "But," Dr. Wilson continued, "that's no reason to throw the whole idea of

a citizen charter review committee out the window."

ISEN'S criticisms of the first draft submitted by the committee were similar to those voiced by the Press-Herald last week in an editorial.

"I don't believe the people of Torrance would buy (See CHARTER, Page A-2)

Nollac Denied Hearing

Torrance Public Works Director Walter M. Nollac jolted the city council last night by demanding an immediate personnel session concerning the actions of City Manager Edward J. Ferraro since Nollac's exoneration on charges of conflict of interest three months ago.

"There is a pall around the engineering department, my city business, and my personal life as a result of the investigations and the vague charges alluded to by Mr. Ferraro during the past three months," Nollac told the council.

"I have been investigated by the civil service board and the district attorney—as has the entire engineering department—and they have turned up nothing," Nollac said. "Therefore, I ask Mr. Ferraro to come up with something or drop it. The city manager is taking his own sweet time in terminating this whole business (See NOLLAC, Page A-2)



JOIN THE FORCE . . . Fire Chief Robert A. Lucas congratulates nine new firemen who have completed their training and been appointed to positions with the Torrance Fire Department. Pictured in the front row (from back) are Gene E. Gorbet, 22; Breal E. Rowe, 23; D. Raleigh Harris, 25; and Edward

Williams, 26. In the back row (from back) are Charles E. Hoffman, 26; George C. Williams, 21; Marc W. Simons, 23; Gary A. Bayless, 22; and Jack R. Gordinier, 26. The nine new firemen were graduated from their training exercises in special ceremonies last Friday afternoon. (Press-Herald Photo)

Test Engine Explodes

Torrance Engineer Killed

A 40-year-old Torrance engineer was killed Monday when a test engine exploded during a demonstration in the Gardena area.

Dead on arrival at Gardena Memorial Hospital was Jack Edward Hartman, 40, of 3837 W. 231st Place, an engineer employed by Mattel, Inc. Hartman was representing the toy manufacturing firm at the test.

The explosion also injured three other persons. All

were reported in fair condition at the hospital yesterday.

INJURED were Robert C. Bogert, 49, of Hidden Hills, a representative of North American Rockwell, Inc.; Joe J. Quagletti, 52, of Palos Verdes Estates, representing Industrial Realty; and Harold M. Childers, 48, of Huntington Beach, representing TRW Systems.

A fourth man, John Y. Takaguchi, 67, of Los Angeles, was treated at the hospital and released.

Four other persons were treated for cuts and bruises. None of them was hospitalized.

THE EXPLOSION occurred at Environetics, Inc., 15821 S. Broadway St., Gardena, shortly after 2 p.m. Monday. Some 75 persons were present for the demonstration.

The engine, described by inventor Joseph Papp as "atomic powered," reportedly had been running about 10 minutes when someone approached Papp and accused him of perpetrating a hoax.

Papp said the person then picked up an extension cord which connected the engine to its 24-volt power source and disconnected it. The engine slowed down, but did not stop, Papp said. It exploded when Papp reconnected it to the power source.

THE EXPLOSION sent

pieces of metal flying in all directions.

An associate of Papp's, George Haley, 41, said the engine has been demonstrated more than 50 times and never experienced any difficulty.

The engine was described as a modified automobile engine which operates on power supplied through an electro-chemical reaction. The reaction reportedly is (See BLAST, Page A-2)

Men's Shop Burglarized - - -

Fifty men's suits, worth more than \$3,000, were taken from Schwartz Men's Store, 1505 Cabrillo Ave., early Sunday morning by burglars who smashed a window. Owner John P. Schwartz said the burglars ranged from size 36 to 40. Police said the burglars used a piece of lead pipe to break a window in the door to the store, then helped themselves to suits in the store. The burglary occurred about 4:30 a.m.

Teenage Cyclist Killed - - -

A 19-year-old Manhattan Beach youth was killed Tuesday when his motorcycle collided with a vehicle on Torrance Boulevard at Palos Verdes Boulevard. Francis John Opsitnick, 709 36th St., Manhattan Beach, died at Little Company of Mary Hospital at 6:20 p.m. Police said Opsitnick's motorcycle collided with a vehicle driven by William Joseph Paul, 61, of 22225 Shadycroft Ave., as the Paul vehicle was making a left turn onto Palos Verdes Boulevard. The accident, which occurred about 5:45 p.m., is still under investigation.

Lomita Names Administrator - - -

Lomita councilmen named Allen B. Stephenson city administrator Monday evening to succeed Stanley Greene, who resigned earlier this year. Stephenson, former Inglewood city administrator, has been serving as interim administrator since last April. The new administrator retired from the Inglewood post in April after five years with the city. He previously served in a similar capacity in the city of Alhambra.